

# Brass Bands Ephemera & Memorabilia



## Volume 1 – Band Badges

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*Cover photograph:* The trophy won by Blandford Town Brass Band for their first place at the Great National Contest at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1863, conducted by Robert Eyers. This was one of the earliest “national” contests, arranged by Enderby Jackson, establishing the model for the next 150 years.

## Introduction

Brass bands and their music, as with all other social activities, attract and use a wide variety of physical objects to assist them in their purposes. These may be practical (e.g. for performances and rehearsal), promotional (advertising and marketing), information (programmes and leaflets), presentation (trophies and awards), identifying (uniforms and badges). Many of these have been lost over the years, sometimes due to their ephemeral nature and lack of perceived value beyond the band itself or the related event. Some have survived and now exist in personal collections, with bands themselves, or in archives and museums.

This document displays some examples of such items, as an indicative introduction to the breadth and wealth of such material – most of which will have a story behind it, if only to remind us of the band or event associated with it.

## Band Badges

Badges, made of metal or more recently, plastic, have been worn by the players in bands and their supporters since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Most would have been pinned to jackets or band uniforms, and some would have been sold to people as souvenirs. All the items below are British in origin unless otherwise specified.



Adamant Brass Band



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Adelaide Citadel Silver Band, Australia



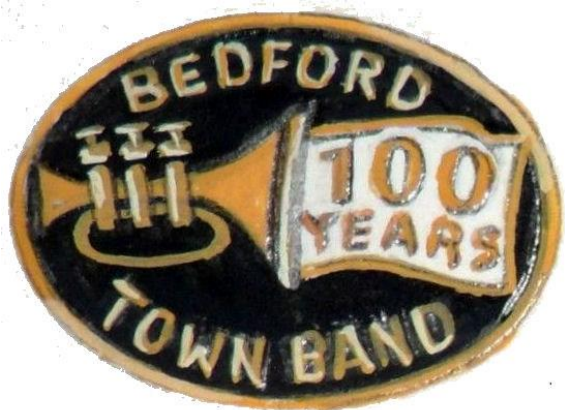
Ashington Colliery Band



Avonbank Brass Band, Evesham



Baldwins Workmens Prize Band, Kenfig



Bedford Town Band



Belper United Prize Band





Bendigo Hopetoun Brass Band, Australia



Blackpool County Borough Band



Box Hill City Band, Australia



Box Hill District Brass Band, Australia



Brighouse & Rastrick Band



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Brunswick City Municipal Band, Australia



Bulkington Silver Band



Burnley Borough Band



Caernarvon Town Band



Callenders Cable Works Band





Camborne Town Band



Camborne Town Band



Carlisle Indian School Band, Pennsylvania, USA



Coburg City Band, Australia



Crossley Carpets Band



Daylesford Brass Band, Australia



Band Badges



Denton Original Band



Derby United Prize Band



Dungannon Silver Band, Northern Ireland



Eastern Iowa Brass Band, USA



Egham Band



Elizabeth Band, Australia



Band Badges



Ensemble de Cuivres, Nord-pas-de-Calais, France



Williams Fairey Engineering Band



Foden Motor Works Band



Forbes Town Band, Australia



Galt Kiltie Band, Canada



Genet Group Band, Chertsey





Gilfach Goch Silver Band



Harrogate Band (1980's)



Harrogate Band (1990's)



Hawthorn City Band, Australia



Highworth Silver Band



Hyde Street Central School Boys Band, Australia

Band Badges

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Immingham & District Brass Band



Kensington & Norwood City Band, Australia



Kiama Municipal Silver Band, Australia



Launceston City Band, Australia



Launceston Railway Band, Australia



Long Eaton Silver Prize Band



Band Badges



Magill Brass Band, Australia



Manning River District Band, Australia



Mansfield Colliery Band



Mid Glamorgan Youth Brass Band



Mirrlees Works Band



Murray Bridge Town Band, Australia



National Youth Brass Band of Scotland



National Youth Brass Band of Scotland



Nelson Old Brass Band



Newcastle City Ex-Servicemen & Comrades Band,  
Australia



Newtongrange Silver Band



North Western Association Youth Band



Band Badges



Oldham Music Centre Youth Band



Orangeville Cornet Band, Illinois, USA



Perth City Band, Australia



Pontypool & District Prize Band



Royal Engineers Prize Band



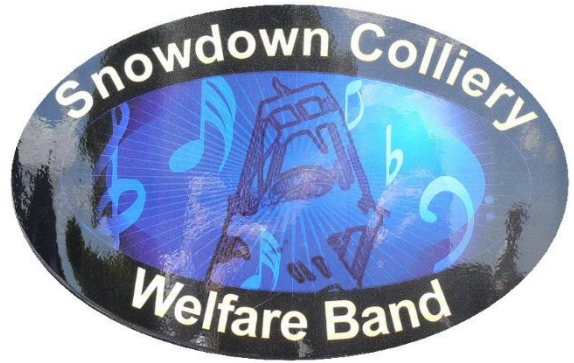
Rye Town Band



Band Badges



Sedan Brass Band, Australia



Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band



Sport-und-Musikverein, Bad Hersfeld, Germany



St Hilda Professional Band



St Kilda City Band, Australia



Stinchcome Silver Band



Band Badges



Stowmarket Concert Band



Swansea Bridge District Brass Band, Australia



Torbay Brass Band



Tournament of Roses Band (Salvation Army), USA



Triangle Brass Band, Cary, North Carolina, USA



University of Illinois Concert Band, USA



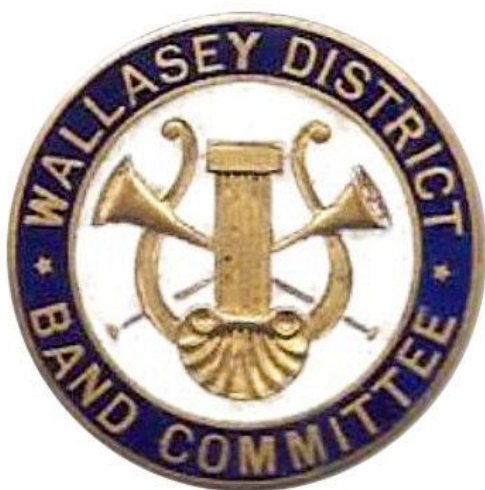
Band Badges



Unley Municipal Band, Australia



Urmston & Davyhulme Silver Band



Wallasey District Band



Worthing Citadel Band (Salvation Army)



Yorkshire Building Society Brass Band



Yorkshire Main Colliery Band





Unknown band



Unknown band